

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer, add new claims 19-21 and amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for accelerating the rate of mucociliary clearance in a subject in need of such treatment comprising administering to the subject an effective mucociliary clearance stimulatory amount of a composition comprising a Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor and a physiologically acceptable carrier, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor ~~is comprises an amino acid sequence~~ selected from the group consisting of:

MAQLCGL RRSRAFLALL GSLLLLSGVLA	-1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF	100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNYSRSEE	150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARN	200
QERALRTVWS SGDDKEQLVK NTYVL	225

(SEQ ID NO:49);

AGSFLAWL GSLLLLSGVLA	-1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF	100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNYSRSEE	150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGAVS	179

(SEQ ID NO:2);

MLR AEADGVSRLI GSLLLLSGVLA	-1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF	100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNYSRSEE	150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARN	200
QERALRTVWS SGDDKEQLVK NTYVL	225

(SEQ ID NO:45);

MAQLCGL RRSRAFLALL GSLLLSGVLA	-1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF	100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE	150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN	200
QERALRTVWS FGD	213

(SEQ ID NO:47);

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF	100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE	150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN	200
QERALRTVWS SGDDKEQLVK NTYVL	225

(SEQ ID NO:71);

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF	100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE	150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN	200
QERALRTVWS FGD	213

(SEQ ID NO:70);

IHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK CATV	64

(SEQ ID NO:4);

CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN	50
YLTKEECLKK C	61

(SEQ ID NO:5);

YEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQ 159
 (SEQ ID NO:6);

CTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRC 156
 (SEQ ID NO:7);

IHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQ 159
 (SEQ ID NO:3);

CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRC 156
 (SEQ ID NO:50);

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLGAVS 179
 (SEQ ID NO:1);

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK 170
 (SEQ ID NO:52); and

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DS 92
(SEQ ID NO:8) .

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition is administered to the lung airways.
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said composition is administered directly by aerosolization.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said composition is administered directly as an aerosol suspension into the mammal's respiratory tract.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein said aerosol suspension includes respirable particles ranging in size from about 1 to about 10 microns.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein said aerosol suspension includes respirable particles ranging in size from about 1 to about 5 microns.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein said aerosol suspension is delivered to said subject by a pressure driven nebulizer.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein said aerosol suspension is delivered to said subject by an ultrasonic nebulizer.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein said aerosol suspension is delivered to said subject by a non-toxic propellant.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said carrier is a member selected from the group consisting of a physiologically buffered solution, an isotonic saline, normal saline, and combinations thereof.

11. (Currently cancelled) The method according to claim 1 wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor is aprotinin.
12. (Previously cancelled) The method according to claim 1, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor comprises the amino acid sequence:

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MAQLCGL RRSRAFLALL GSLLLSGVLA -1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN 200
QERALRTVWS SGDDKEQLVK NTYVL 225
(SEQ ID NO.: 49).
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13. (Previously cancelled) The method according to claim 1, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor comprises the amino acid sequence:

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AGSFLAWL GSLLLSGVLA -1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLGAVS 179
(SEQ ID NO.: 2),
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MLR AEADGVSRLL GSLLLSGVLA -1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN 200
QERALRTVWS SGDDKEQLVK NTYVL 225
(SEQ ID NO.: 45),
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MAQLCGL RRSRAFLALL GSLLLSGVLA -1
ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
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ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN 200
 QERALRTVWS FGD 213
 (SEQ ID NO.: 47),

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN 200
 QERALRTVWS SGDDKEQLVK NTYVL 225
 (SEQ ID NO.: 70),

and

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLAGLFVM VLILFLGASM VYLIRVARRN 200
 QERALRTVWS FGD 213
 (SEQ ID NO.: 71).

14. (Previously cancelled) The method according to claim 1, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor comprises the amino acid sequence:

IHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATV 64
 (SEQ ID NO.: 4),

CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK C 61
 (SEQ ID NO.: 5),

YEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQ 159
 (SEQ ID NO.: 6),

CTANAVTGPC RASFPRWYFD VERNSCNNFI YGGCRGNKNS YRSEE 150
 ACMLRC 156
 (SEQ ID NO.: 7),

IHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 75
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 125
 ACMLRCFRQ 159
 (SEQ ID NO.: 3),

CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRC 156
 (SEQ ID NO.: 50),

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 25
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 75
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 125
 ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK VVVLGAVS 179
 (SEQ ID NO.: 1),

and

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DSEDHSSDMF 100
 NYEEYCTANA VTGPCRASFP RWYFDVERNS CNNFIYGGCR GNKNSYRSEE 150
 ACMLRCFRQQ ENPPLPLGSK 170
 (SEQ ID NO.: 52).

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor is ~~comprises the amino acid sequence:~~

ADRERSIHDF CLVSKVVGRC RASMPRWYN VTDGSCQLFV YGGCDGNSNN 50
 YLTKEECLKK CATVTENATG DLATSRNAAD SSVPSAPRRQ DS 92

(SEQ ID NO: 8)

~~provided that the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor does not consist of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 49 or 71.~~

16. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1 or 15, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor is glycosylated.

17. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1 or 15, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor contains at least one intra-chain cysteine-cysteine disulfide bond.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~or 15~~, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor contains at least one intra-chain cysteine-cysteine disulfide bond selected from the cysteine-cysteine paired groups consisting of CYS11-CYS61, CYS20-CYS44, CYS36-CYS57, CYS106-CYS156, CYS115-CYS139, and CYS131-CYS152 for any of SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 45, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 71, SEQ ID NO: 70, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 1, and SEQ ID NO: 52, wherein the cysteine residues are numbered according to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 52.

19. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor contains at least one intra-chain cysteine-cysteine disulfide bond selected from the cysteine-cysteine paired groups consisting of CYS11-CYS61, CYS20-CYS44, CYS36-CYS57, for any of SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, and SEQ ID NO: 8, wherein the cysteine residues are numbered according to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 52.

20. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor contains at least one intra-chain cysteine-cysteine disulfide bond selected from the cysteine-cysteine paired groups consisting of CYS106-CYS156, CYS115-CYS139, and CYS131-CYS152 for any of SEQ ID NO: 6 and SEQ ID NO: 7, wherein the cysteine residues are numbered according to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:52.

21. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitor contains at least one intra-chain cysteine-cysteine disulfide bond selected from the cysteine-cysteine paired groups consisting of CYS11-CYS61, CYS20-CYS44, CYS36-CYS57, wherein the cysteine residues are numbered according to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:52.